

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

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| (1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health | (2) MEETING DATE 12/18/2012 | (3) CONTACT/PHONE Michael Stevens, HA Deputy Director, 781-4303 Amy Olson, ASOII, 781-4729 | |
| (4) SUBJECT Request to approve a contract amendment with the State Department of Health Care Services to implement a time-only extension to the existing contract through April 30, 2013, with all other provisions of the contract remaining the same, naming the County as the Mental Health Plan for purposes of providing specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries of San Luis Obispo County. | | | |
| (5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chairperson to sign a contract amendment with the State Department of Health Care Services to implement a time-only extension to the existing contract through April 30, 2013, with all other provisions of the contract remaining the same, naming the County as the Mental Health Plan for purposes of providing specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries of San Luis Obispo County. | | | |
| (6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A | (7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (9) BUDGETED? Yes |
| (10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____) | | | |
| (11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | | | |
| (12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A | | (13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | |
| (14) LOCATION MAP N/A | (15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No | (16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date <u>September 11, 2012</u> | |
| (17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown | | | |
| (18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts - | | | |

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Karen Baylor, Ph.D., MFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 12/18/2012

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

Provisions of Part 2.5 (commencing with Section 5775) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code direct the State to implement and administer the Managed Mental Health Care for Medi-Cal eligible residents of California. A contract with the State Department of Health Care Services affirms the County as the Mental Health Plan for San Luis Obispo County Medi-Cal beneficiaries and outlines the protocols as the managed care plan for Medi-Cal beneficiaries when they need specialty mental health services. The contract also facilitates access to Federal Medicaid funds as a partial source for reimbursement of the cost of the provision of services.

On September 11, 2012, your Board approved a contract with the State Department of Health Care Services for a term of April 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. It was the intention of the State to have renewal contracts for the period January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 sent to each County for review and approval sometime during Fall 2012. However, the State has been delayed in sending these contract renewals out and has asked each County to sign a contract amendment to the current contract to implement a four-month time-only extension to ensure the continuity of the provision of mental health services. The term of the contract would be amended to read April 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. Execution of this amendment will allow the State more time to send out contract renewals while allowing each County to continue to be reimbursed for services without interruption.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has approved the contract as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The contract amendment does not increase the dollar amount of the original contract approved by your Board on September 11, 2012, but rather implements a four month time-only extension. The contract amount remains \$19,720,291.

RESULTS

For FY 11-12, the Department provided billable services to 3,848 Medi-Cal beneficiaries. It is anticipated that the

Department will continue to provide services to at least this number of beneficiaries. The number of beneficiaries served is comparable to other similarly sized counties in the State.

The DHCS contract amendment to facilitate the County serving as the Mental Health Plan for Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and will continue to allow the Department to work in collaboration with the community to provide services necessary to improve and maintain the health and safety of individuals and families affected by mental illness. The contract with DHCS will also provide Medi-Cal beneficiaries with services that are designed to assist in the recovery process to achieve the highest quality of life by providing culturally competent, strength based, and client and family centered strategies utilizing best practices. Providing the most appropriate services to the clients increases the probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. DHCS Contract Amendment Through 04-2013